

ESCOT Consultants Assist Local Organizations With Strategic Planning, Growth

ALBANY, NY (July 2008) — The Executive Services Corps of Tri-Cities (ESCOT), a nonprofit organization of retired and current senior-level managers who volunteer their time and experience by providing consulting services to help nonprofits, schools and government offices solve organizational and operational issues, has seen a demand for its services in addressing changing needs and growth in services.

The Mohawk & Hudson River Humane Society in Menands invited ESCOT to assist in strategic planning and building its capacity to provide services and develop resources. Denise Ringer, President of the Society's Board of Directors, cited ESCOT's work and support: "The ESCOT team was very reliable and dependable; invested themselves in the process, and learned from us, as we learned from them. The final product is outstanding and we couldn't have done it on our own."

Two community centers in Saratoga County, both experiencing a growth in programs, also called upon ESCOT to help them develop strategic plans that would coordinate the expanded services and chart their courses for the future. Megan Quillinan, Executive Director of the Mechanicville Area Community Services Center, said, "Our agency was in need of some strategic guidance in organizational development of our long-term vision. ESCOT allowed our agency access to such services that had been otherwise unattainable due to budgetary limitations." With ESCOT's help, the Ballston Area Community Center "formed a shared vision for our organization and the means to achieve it," said Executive Director Kathi Leigh. She commented that "the process was well-organized and we now have a clearer direction for the future of the BACC."

Serving the greater Capital Region since 1987, the Executive Service Corps of Tri-Cities provides affordable management consulting and business advice in such areas as board and organizational development, strategic planning, human resources, financial practices and budgeting, executive coaching, employee training, information technology, and marketing. ESCOT consultants bring experience from the nonprofit, academic, public and private sectors. ESCOT is part of the national Executive Service Corps Affiliate Network, consisting of executive service corps based and independently operated in more than 30 cities across the United States.

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